posted to his or her home State does not arise. The reason is because by obtaining an inter-cadre transfer, we do not want an officer to go back to his or her home State affecting the original allocation on insider-outsider ratio.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Mr. Chairman, Sir, in the statement, it has been mentioned "State Governments have also been requested to consider the desirability of issuing similar guidelines in respect of their employees". I would like to know when this request was made and what is the response of the State Governments to your circular?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, the request was made to the State Governments by a letter dated 8th August, 1986. We do not yet have any response from the State Governments. But we know that some State Governments, even before we issued these orders, have issued guidelines. For example, I know the Tamil Nadu Government have some guidelines. But we have not yet received any officially formulated guidelines in response to our letter.

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलूवालिया : सभापति महोदय, इस सवाल के जवाब में सिर्फ उन के बारे में बताया गया है कि जो विवाहित हैं। लेकिन जो अविवाहित लड़कियां हैं और आई०ए०एस०, आई०पी०एस० या आई०एफ०एस० में हैं, वह अगर स्टेट कैडर में अपने को ट्रांसफर कराना चाहती हैं तो उसके लिये क्या उपाय हैं ?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: We are not encouraging inter-cadre change. In fact, we want everyone to feel and believe that he or she can work in any part of India.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 448. Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury. If you do not go back to your seat, I will not allow you to put your question.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Yes, Sir. Question No. 448.

Professionals and Technocrats in Top Positions in Ministries

*448. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:†
SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Times of India dated the 28th September, 1986 regarding the replacement of the professional Secretary of the Petrochemicals Department with an IAS officer;

(b) whether similar action was also taken recently in the Ministry of Agriculture, consequent to the resignation of a top technocrat who left to take up an international assignment in Manila; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to clarify its policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Government are aware of the news item referred to in part (a) of the question.

(b) The Ministry of Agriculture had a technocrat as Secretary from 31-3-1979 to 3-4-1980. Since then the post has been held by non-technocrats. The technocrat Secretary was elevated to the post of Member, Planning Commission in April 1980, from where he went over to an international assignment at Manila.

(c) Appointments to senior posts in the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India are normally made from various organised Services. For posts at the senior levels, outstanding scientists, technocrat, economists etc. are also considered keeping in view the specific requirements of such posts and the experience and qualifications of persons available in the field of choice. Most of the Ministries/Departments which are predominently of a technical charcter already have technocrats at the senior levels. Moreover, senior posts included in the various professional cadres of organised Services are filled by Members of the respective professional/

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury.

technical Services. No changes are contemplated in this policy.

The appointments referred to in parts (a) and (b) of the question were made in accordance with the aforesaid policy.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he has a list of topnotch assignments which have been given to technocrats in actualy? I would like to know whether this policy is being implemented properly?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: I have a list.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He wants to hear your voice again.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: I would like to know whether he has a list of top posts which are occupied by technocrats or is it that only non-professionals are sitting in the place of technocrats?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I have a list and if the hon. Member wants to know about any particular ... (*Interruption*) I am giving the answer. At the Secretary level there are 101 posts in the Centre. 27 are held by technocrats. If the hon. Member wants to know about any particular department or post, I am willing to give the information. (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Second supplementary. (*Interruptions*). Hon. Members are not allowed to prompt other members.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: No, not, I could not hear in the noise of the House. I want to know whether Minister will consider ... (*Interruptions*). Will you encourage the professionals and other Administrative Officers to take up the posts of technocrats more and more?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: If the hon. Member is referring to the officers belonging to the Indian Administrative Service, we have now instituted a very extensive training and refresher programme. We are imparting specialised skills to these officers so that they could specialise themselves in certain areas. Now, at that level it is not possible to make a general Administrative Officer into a technocrat, within the strict meaning of the word 'technocrat', but we hope to make him a bettter manager in that technical or specialised field. And if he is suitable for that field, he will be considered for appointement to that department or Ministry.

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : सभापति जी, मैं सरकार से यह जानना चाहूंगा कि क्या सरकार ने कभी यह इवैल्युएशन करवाया है कि उद्योग धंधों से संबंधित मंत्रालयों में टेक्नोक्रेट के रखने से अच्छा काम चलता है या आई० ए० एस० को रखने से अच्छा काम चलता है ? अगर आपने इवैल्युएशन करवाया है तो उसका क्या परिणाम है और अगर नहीं करवाया है तो क्या सरकार ऐसा इवैल्युएशन करवाने का विचार करेगी ?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : Sir, I am not aware of any evaluation made whether a technocrat or a non-technocrat would be better in the department of industry or in similar departments. I know that in the department of industry, for example, both technocrats and non-technocrats have held assignments at different times, but I am not aware of any evaluation having been made.

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : The seond part of my question is not answered.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Next Question.

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : All right. Does the Government propose to do such evaluation in future? Sir, you should help us. There is a big agitation going on in the country about technocrats vs. Generalists and we should know who is performing better.

MR. CHAIRMAN : All right, I help Mr. Chaturanan Mishra. Yes, Mr. Minister.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : We will consider this suggestion.

MR. CHAIRMAN : He will consider the suggestion.

Next question.